

## TAKES BACK WIFE WHO LATER KILLS

FORMER CLEVELANDER FALLS  
DEAD FROM BULLET WHILE  
TRAVELING EAST.

### WOMAN LED HILARIOUS EXISTENCE

Separation and Divorce Follows Life  
That Was Made Up of Numerous  
Quarrels and Peace  
Making.

Seattle, Wash.—Vera Prosser shot and killed her divorced husband, Reese Prosser, formerly of Cleveland, O., on an eastbound Great Northern train, near Libby, Mont. May 18, immediately after Prosser secured a divorce, they went to the Butler hotel together, and there was a scene. Prosser was locked in a room of the hotel and his clothes were taken from him. G. W. Miller, manager of the local branch of the Winton Automobile Co., for whom Prosser worked, rescued him.

Miller was going east and planned to take Prosser with him. Prosser wrote to his father in Lisbon that he would be home. A few minutes before train time Prosser was taken to the station in a closed auto, but they missed the train. A fast run was made to Ballard, and they got aboard there. Mrs. Prosser was aboard the train. Prosser was said to never have been exactly frank with his friends, who attempted to aid him in his troubles with his wife. They started across the continent as man and wife in one compartment. For a few hours the past was forgotten, the divorce was overlooked and then the quarrel came, when the woman made good many vague incoherent threats.

Vera Prosser was the daughter of wealthy parents of Denver. Life was made up of the joyous, hilarious things. Then she went to Cleveland, where she met Prosser, a young man about town. The woman had \$15,000 with her. They were married in 1905, shortly after their first meeting. She was 21 and he was 23 years old. Shortly after they went to Lisbon, O., the home of the husband, where his father, Thomas Prosser, is a wealthy colliery operator. He is said to have treated her brutally and left her. She followed him to Pittsburgh. Time and time again their troubles caused them to be ejected from hotels. They would part, vow eternal hatred and the next day make up.

### SEVENTEEN KILLED BY BLAST

Laborers Are Blown to Death in  
Premature Explosion of 400  
Kegs of Powder.

Ogden, Utah.—Four hundred kegs of powder were prematurely discharged in the quarry of the Union Portland Cement Co. near the Devil's Slide in Weber canyon, eight miles east of Morgan. Seventeen laborers are missing and it is believed all were killed. Those missing include Hugh McGuire, the foreman, seven Italians, seven Hungarians and two Japanese.

A tunnel had been driven into the hill above the cement plant and 400 kegs of powder had been placed therein. The workmen were preparing to seal the chamber, preliminary to firing the blast, when the powder exploded prematurely. No damage was done to the company buildings near by, but ranch houses far distant were damaged.

### INHALES GAS UNTIL SHE DIES

Telephone Operator at Middletown,  
Conn., Makes Elaborate Preparations to Take Her Life.

Middletown, Conn.—Miss Bernice Gaines, aged 26, who for some years has been an operator at the local office of the Southern New England Telephone Co., was found dead in her room at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Hutchinson. Miss Gaines had made elaborate preparations to take her life. She went home in the evening from the telephone office, went to her room, dressed in her best clothing, donned her hat and, sitting down in a chair, secured a rubber tube which she had used for a gas stove. This she inserted in her mouth and inhaled illuminating gas from a jet in the room until she was dead.

#### Brothers Die in Pond.

Bellevue, O.—In view of a number of children, all but one of whom were too small to attempt their rescue, Roy and Morris Greenslade, brothers, 25 and 11, were drowned in an abandoned mill pond. They had been riding upon a raft which upset. One of the witnesses swam to their assistance, but reached the scene just as the elder of the brothers sank.

#### Spans Channel and Files Back.

Dover, England.—The first round trip aeroplane flight ever made across the English channel was completed by Charles Stewart Rolls, wealthy English auto manufacturer and aviator. Starting from Dover at 6:30 he flew to Sangatte in 35 minutes. Without a rest he started on the return trip, landing on the English shore at 8:05. The flight was perfect in good weather. Great crowds witnessed the performance. The total distance traveled was 50 miles. No prize was attached to the flight.

## GEN. CUSTER HONORED

EQUESTRIAN STATUE IS UNVEILED AT MONROE, MICH.

Widow of Heroic Soldier Participates  
in the Impressive Ceremony—  
President Taft Speaks.

Monroe, Mich.—Fitting respect was paid by the state of Michigan June 4 to one of her noblest sons when a fine equestrian statue of Gen. George Armstrong Custer was unveiled in this town where that warrior spent five years of his youth, and where later he was married. The occasion was made doubly notable by the presence of President Taft, Senator William Alden Smith, Governor Warner and other distinguished men, and Mrs. Elizabeth Custer, widow of the hero, came from New York to unveil the statue.

Otto Kirchner, vice chairman of the local committee, presided over the exercises, which were opened with an invocation by Rt. Rev. John S. Foley, bishop of Detroit. The report of the monument commission was read by Col. George G. Briggs, chairman, and then the sculptor, Edward C. Potter of Greenwich, Conn., made brief remarks on his work.

Mrs. Custer now stepped forward, and pulling the cord of the flag which draped the statue, unveiled the figure of her husband. As Old Glory slipped down from the figures of man and horse, a band struck up the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the first battery, Field artillery, M. N. G., fired a 17 gun salute. The great crowd cheered and cheered again, and the tears trickled down the face of the aged widow of the man who had devoted his young manhood to saving his country, and had died fighting its savage enemies on Little Big Horn.

When the tumult had subsided, President William H. Taft was introduced and was given an ovation. He spoke briefly.



The Custer Monument.

Then came one of the prettiest features of the program. William O. Lee came forward, bearing in his arms a number of laurel wreaths, and as he laid them at the base of the monument, a chorus of 75 voices sang "The Old Brigade."

### MRS. DOXEY IS ACQUITTED

Woman Accused of Killing Set Free  
and Bigamy Charge May Be  
Dropped.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Dora Elizabeth Doxey was found not guilty by the jury which heard the evidence against her on a charge of murdering William J. Erder with arsenic. The verdict was returned after almost nine hours' deliberation. Judge Grimm at once discharged the defendant. Mrs. Doxey may not be obliged to stand trial on the bigamy charges against her. In 1895 the acquitted woman was married to Robert L. Downing of Joy, Ill. Dr. Loren B. Doxey married her after Downing had divorced her. Mrs. Doxey came to St. Louis in April, 1909, at the time she was alleged to have married Erder, who died July 10, 1909.

### RAILROAD BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Which Went Trough Upper  
Branch of Congress by Vote of 50  
to 12 Now Goes to Conference.

Washington, D. C.—The administration railroad bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 50 to 12.

As passed by the senate the railroad bill contains the following general provisions that were in the original bill, drawn by Mr. Wickersham: The creation of a commerce court. Permission to shippers to select their own route.

Imposing penalties for withholding information or giving incorrect information concerning rates.

Authorizing the interstate commerce commission to begin investigations on its own initiative.

#### Illinois Legislator Resigns.

Springfield, Ill.—Senator D. W. Holtshaw of Luke, who confessed to the Sangamon county grand jury to accepting \$2,500 to vote for Lorimer and \$700 as his share of the jackpot and \$1,500 for his vote on the state house furniture contract, has telegraphed his resignation as senator from the Forty-second district to Secretary of State James A. Rose. Holtshaw was a holdover senator and would have served until 1913. His resignation will make it necessary to call a special election in his district.

## AMERICAN TO BE TREATED FAIRLY

ENGINEER HELD BY MADRIZ  
FORCES WILL NOT BE  
COURT-MARTIALED.

### BROTHER RECEIVES ASSURANCES

Captured Man Always Had Longing  
for Adventure and When 16 Years  
of Age Ran Away From Home  
—Thought Dead at One Time.

Cambridge, Mass.—Edwin F. Pittman of this city, brother of William P. Pittman, the American engineer, who is alleged to have laid mines while operating with Estrada's insurgents and to have been captured by the government forces, has received assurances from Washington that his brother will not be peremptorily dealt with by the Madriz forces. A telegram from the capital city signed by Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson has just been received by Pittman. This wire was in answer to the latter's appeal to Senator Lodge to protect his brother's interests as a citizen of the United States. The message read:

"In response to inquiries made prior to the receipt of your telegram, I am happy to inform you that the department has just received from the consul at Managua a telegram of which the following is the paraphrase: 'Your telegram of June 4 received 2 p. m. Doctor Madriz has assured me through General Toledo that a court-martial has not been thought of, much less ordered, and has further assured me that Pittman will be treated fairly and considerately and that telegraphic instructions to that effect will be immediately dispatched to General Irias at Greytown.'"

Pittman was born here 27 years ago. He always had a longing for adventure and when 16 years of age he ran away from home. His relatives hearing nothing, gave him up as dead. About five years ago they learned that he was in the employ of the Ward Steamship Line of Havana and had worked his way from cabin boy to a position as second mate and later heard he had realized a youthful ambition by becoming a marine engineer. The first intimation that his family had that he had become a soldier of fortune was the recent dispatches from Nicaragua.

### TRAINER IS TORN BY LIONESS

Side Is Ripped Open, Back Plowed by  
Claws and Left Arm Bitten  
Three Times.

New York City.—Peter Taylor, an animal trainer at Coney Island, was almost torn to pieces by a vicious lioness as he was about to give a performance in the Bostock arena. Taylor's side was ripped open by a sweep of the animal's powerful paw and his back was plowed by his claws. She also sank her teeth twice in his left arm. Taylor is in a serious condition in the Emergency hospital. Taylor did not regain consciousness until late at night, when he was able to tell briefly what had happened. He said that all the rest of the animals had run out in obedience to his commands, but that Duchess, a lioness, balked.

When he struck her with the prod she leaped upon him, sinking her teeth in his arm and bearing him to the floor. Then she sank her teeth in his arm again. At this point Taylor says he fired his revolver into her face five times. She stood until the five shots had been fired, then reached over and whisked her great paw down his side, ripping her claws through his clothing and flesh and then stood back, only to repeat the operation.

### "O. HENRY" CROSSES DIVIDE

Short Story Writer Succumbs to Grim  
Reaper After Operation Fails  
to Prove Success.

New York City.—William Sidney Porter, known best under his pen name of "O. Henry," the writer of short stories, died at Polyclinic hospital. He underwent an operation and never rallied. Mr. Porter was born in North Carolina 46 years ago and began his journalistic career on the Houston Post. Before that he had been cowboy, sheep herder and druggist, and an extensive traveler. The general public knew little of his private life, for he shunned interviews and was content to be known merely through his writings as "O. Henry." His breezy paragraphs penned in Texas first drew attention to the young writer several years ago; then he launched forth with "Sunday stories" for a New York paper and was quickly recognized as a writer of ability. Magazine stories followed and his fame was assured.

#### Chinese Take Hair From Corpses.

Victoria, B. C.—Women living in the United States who purchase switches of black hair will be interested to learn that a crusade has been begun by the Chinese government against Chinese who supply human hair for shipment to America, according to reports brought by the Empress of India. It seems that a charitable institution of Canton, which buries large numbers of paupers whose relatives are unable to provide coffins, found the hair dealers exhuming corpses to recover hair.

## RAILROAD CHIEFS GIVE IN

WESTERN HEADS MAKE AGREEMENT WITH TAFT.

Will Withdraw Proposed Increases in  
Freight Rates and Await Passage  
of Administration Measure.

Washington, D. C.—President W. H. Taft forced the complete surrender of the big railroad chiefs of the west. At the end of a four-hour conference with the president in the executive offices, the representatives of the western trunk line committee consented to the announcement that they would withdraw the proposed increases in freight rates which the administration had enjoined by the federal court in Missouri. They further covenanted to make no further effort to increase rates until the pending railroad bill has become a law. This means that all future increases in rates proposed by these railways must be reviewed by the interstate commerce commission before such new rates become effective. A latitude of 11 months is allowed the commission in which to investigate proposed rate increases under the bill as it passed the senate, so that there is approximately a full year ahead under which the old rates must be maintained, in consequence of the agreement which the administration forced from the railway men.

In return for the withdrawal of the proposed increased rates, the president agreed to discontinue the injunction proceedings instituted against the Western Traffic committee. But it is expressly understood that this action will not be discontinued until the completed railroad bill, as agreed to finally by the two houses of congress, has received the signature of the president. By a deft use of the Sherman anti-trust law, invoked as a club at the last hour, the threatened increase in freight rates has been prevented and the railroads held in check until congress has finally put into the president's hands the means whereby the interstate commerce commission will have at all times the full means of regulating all freight charges.

### ILLINOIS CENTRAL GRAFT PROBE

Railroad Employees Charged With Entering  
into Conspiracy With Five  
Concerns to Defraud Company.

Chicago, Ill.—The \$1,500,000 Illinois Central graft investigation was brought to a head here when the railroad company filed in the circuit court a suit for an accounting against the following former employees, who are charged with entering into a gigantic conspiracy with five corporations to defraud the company through the letting of car repair contracts: Joseph E. Buker, William Renshaw, Orlando S. Keith and John M. Taylor. The bill further recites that as a result of the investigation the company believes that it has paid in excess owing to the alleged conspiracy, the following sums to the named corporations: Blue Island Car & Equipment Co., not less than \$400,000; Osterman Mfg. Co., not less than \$750,000; Memphis Car Co., not less than \$300,000; American Car & Equipment Co., not less than \$100,000; International Car Co., not less than \$3,000.

### INDIANS SLAY, SACK TOWNS

Mexican Uprising Leads to Massacre,  
Families of Officials Perishing—  
5,000 Red Men Revolt.

Vera Cruz, Mexico.—Four towns have been sacked and probably 100 persons massacred, many of the dead having been members of the families of Mexican officials, as the sequel to an uprising in the state of Yucatan.

According to dispatches from Merida, the capital of Yucatan, 40 persons were slain when the Maya Indians rebelled. The independent newspaper, El Dictamen, published a dispatch from Merida to the effect that 5,000 Maya Indian insurgents sacked the town of Valladolid, 95 miles to the southeast of Merida, killing all the principal government employees and the chief of police. The Indians stole rifles and pistols, and instituted a reign of terror. The town of Tinum, Tunkas and Yaxma, all between Merida and Valladolid, have been attacked. In those towns only the families of officials were molested.

#### Sunell Cousins Found Dead.

San Jose, Cal.—The bodies of Miss Dolores Sunell, daughter of the late Antonio Sunell, pioneer millionaire land owner and noted horseman of San Jose, and Mrs. Frances Sunell Lintell of Eureka, Cal., author and linguist, were found under an overturned automobile in Penitencia creek in Alum Rock canon. The women, who were cousins, left the cafe at Alum Rock park in an electric runabout. The machine evidently struck a rock and skidded into the creek.

#### Kiev Expels 1,421 Jews.

Kiev, Russia.—Authentic figures have been obtained on the expulsion of the Jews from Kiev. These show that 1,421 individuals have been expelled up to June 5. Of these 517 came under the ruling allowing them a short time in which to prepare for their departure without restriction, while 904 received passports good only over the route to their specified destination. Two hundred and eighty-eight persons who originally were ordered expelled succeeded in proving their right to residence.

## HE GAMBLLED AWAY HIS WIFE

How the Russian Artist, Verestchagin, Lost the Beautiful Olga in a Card Game.

Once the famous Russian painter, Verestchagin, used to travel about Russia looking for subjects and models for his pictures. One day he came upon a gypsy encampment. Among the women was a young girl of great beauty, with whom he fell in love. She was barely 16, and her parents were very poor. They asked very little for her, and the painter married her. The young couple left the camp at once, and in course of time went to St. Petersburg. Prince Chertkoff used to go to the painter's studio to play, and he, too, fell in love with the beautiful Olga, who was now the mother of a small daughter. The officer who knew the story of his friend's marriage, asked him if he were not tired of her. At first the painter laughed at the question; then he said "No," and finally, when it was repeated many times, he received it in silence. One winter's evening Chertkoff came in and, as usual, suggested a game of cards. "I would play with pleasure," the artist said, "but I have no money."

Chertkoff laughed. "Well, then," he retorted, "let us play for love—the stakes to be Olga." They both laughed and sat down to play. The game got interesting, then absorbing. At dawn they ate a hasty meal and sat down again. The artist always lost. They agreed to stop at noon, because Chertkoff had business, and Olga watched them, perhaps not ill pleased to think that she might exchange the studio for a more exciting life, for the officer was energetic and, people said, likely to make a career. By noon the artist was still the loser. Chertkoff rose and looked at Olga.

"It is for you to choose," he said. She got up and went for her cloak. Then she spoke to the artist. "You are tired of me," she said. "I go with him, but only on condition that he marries me today. And I take the child into my new life as well."—Wide World Magazine.

#### Women Doing Good Work.

Miss Carol Harriman is chairman of the Junior league, which takes an active part in the work of the Normal College Alumnae settlement house in New York. During the last year the settlement has had 13 resident helpers and 36 non-resident. Forty clubs and classes are carried on. The most recently formed classes teach adults to read and speak English. This work was brought about by the discovery that many Bohemians in the neighborhood had been in this country 20 years without learning English. Last summer the settlement sent more than 1,000 women and children to the country at the small cost of \$115. Some of them were taken on day trips, others for one week or longer.

#### Organs Built to Last.

The organ used in the Moravian church at Lititz from 1787 to 1879 and from the latter date until recently in the Moravian church at South Bethlehem, will be returned to Lititz and preserved as a relic. It was built by David Tannenber, the Lititz organ builder. The charge for it was \$200 sterling. A similar one was made for Nazareth in 1793. An organ built by the same man was sent to Madison, Va., in 1801 on three wagons and is still in use. The first organist of the Lititz instrument was John Thomas, Jr., who played it for six years.—Philadelphia Record.

#### The Beginning of a Famous Law.

The maid was in the garden hanging out the clothes, when along came a blackbird and bit off her nose. "I'll have an employer's liability act on you," she told the queen. Thus we see the beginning of the movement.

#### An Interesting Event.

Blinkers—Why are all those theosophists rushing into that hall? Winkers—A lecturer from the Orient has promised to tell them what theosophy is.—New York Weekly.

#### HE MARKETS.

Financial.  
New York, June 7.—Money on call 2 1/2% to 2 3/4% per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2% to 5% per cent. Sterling exchange \$4.86 1/2 for demand.  
Government bonds steady.  
Grain, Provisions and Live Stock.  
Cleveland, June 7.—Flour—Minnesota spring patents \$5.25 to \$5.55.  
Wheat—No. 2 red \$1.05 1/2.  
Corn—No. 3 yellow 64 1/2 c.  
Oats—No. 3 white 42 c.  
Butter—Best creamery 30 to 30 1/2 c.  
Cheese—York state, new, 17 to 17 1/2 c.  
Eggs—Strictly fresh 19 1/2 c.  
Potatoes—Ohio 35 c.  
Hay—No. 1 timothy \$18.00 to \$18.50.  
Cattle—Best steers \$7.25 to \$7.50, calves \$8.25 to \$9.00.  
Sheep—Choice wethers \$4.75 to \$5.00, choice lambs \$8.00 to \$8.25.  
Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$9.45, pigs \$9.45.  
Toledo, June 7.—Wheat—Cash \$1.05 1/2.  
Corn—Cash 60 1/2 c.  
Oats—Cash 40 c.  
Cloverseed—Cash \$6.80.  
Buffalo, June 7.—Cattle—Export cattle \$7.75 to \$8.00, shipping steers \$7.75 to \$8.00.  
Hogs—Yorkers \$9.50 to \$9.60, pigs \$9.50.  
Sheep—Wethers \$5.50 to \$5.75, lambs \$6.00 to \$6.50.  
Pittsburg, June 7.—Cattle—Choice steers \$8.25 to \$8.40, good \$7.65 to \$7.90.  
Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$9.45, pigs \$9.55 to \$9.60.  
Sheep—Prime wethers \$5.35 to \$5.60, lambs \$4.00 to \$5.00.  
Chicago, June 7.—Wheat—July 94 1/2 c.  
Corn—July 69 1/2 c.  
Oats—July 37 1/2 c.  
Pork—July \$21.90.  
Lard—July \$12.30.  
Cattle—Beef \$5.75 to \$5.80, stockers and feeders \$4.00 to \$4.40.  
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